

## INTRODUCTION

At the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy we have been continuing to investigate leadership within the context of North Pacific cultures. In 1994, we focused our study on the Korean War period (1950-1953) and invited our Sanwa Lecturers to address themselves to this time.

Our choice of subject proved opportune. Suddenly the Korean War took on new relevance because of the crisis on the peninsula caused by the apparent decision of the D.P.R.K. to develop the capability to build nuclear weapons. And in July, the death of President Kim Il Sung marked the passing of the last world leader of the Korean War era.

Our three speakers themselves are illustrative of modes of leadership. Bruce Cumings as a scholar-teacher is an opinion maker. John Merrill, official and research analyst, is a shaper of policy. Donald P. Gregg, as American Ambassador to the R.O.K. executed policy, and now, as Chairman of the Korea Society, influences how Americans view Korea (and how Koreans view America.)

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